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THIRTY-SECOND MEETING OF OSO/OPC COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The thirty-second meeting of the OSO/OPC Communications Board was held on Wednesday, 15 November 1950. Due to circumstances beyond the control of the members, the Board did not meet until 3:30 PM. Present were:

25X1A [] Member for OPC
25X1A [] Member for OSO
25X1A [] Member for COMMO
25X1A [] Observer for OPC
25X1A [] Observer for OPC
25X1A [] Alternate for COMMO
25X1A [] Stenographer

25X1A [] was unable to be present at the start of the meeting, but joined it at 4:00 PM.

Item I: The minutes of the meeting of 8 November 1950, after a few minor typographical corrections, were approved as read.

Item II: Relation of Communications personnel with other Agency personnel in the field

The Chief, Communications Division, presented a memorandum on this subject defining the need for a comprehensive written policy on the basic relationship between Communications personnel and other personnel of this organization. Two versions of the proposed policy were attached to this memorandum as versions A and B, and were distributed to the Board for study.

It was agreed by the Board that 25X1A [] would study the two versions of the proposed policy and that they would present a rewrite of the better of the two versions at the next meeting of the Board.

Item III: Technical Assistance for Burial of Commo Equipment

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

Item IV: Recommendation relative to the consolidation of agent radio equipment stocks in the []

25X1A

The Chief, Communications Division, presented a paper on the subject with recommendations as to responsibility for the custody of agent communications equipment. The Board agreed with the recommendations and decided that the two proposed cables to the field on the subject should be incorporated into one FG cable and sent immediately.

Item V: 25X1A []

It was agreed that this item be included in next week's agenda, due to the fact that sufficient time had not been available during the past

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week for comprehensive study of this subject.

Item VI: Destruction of Cables

A paper suggesting the solution of this problem was presented to the Board and approved as to content. The Chief, Communications Division is to prepare drafts of appropriate revisions of the existing regulations. The target date for putting the new regulations into effect is 1 December 1950.

Item VII: Establishment of Class A Radio Base Station - 25X1A

The Board approved the suggested recommendations on the subject and both OPC and OSO will give their final confirmations and/or alternate decisions at the next meeting. It was agreed that this recommendation should go forward as soon as possible.

Item VIII: Informal discussion of the Functions and Organization of the Communications Division

Due to the late start of the meeting, and the fact that other more urgent topics should be discussed, this item was postponed until the next meeting.

Item IX: 25X1A

The Board approved the letters in principle and requested the Communications Division to take appropriate action as to forwarding of same.

New Business

Policy on Provision of Staff Communications for OSO and OPC

A memorandum outlining the various phases of this problem was presented to the Board and three basic plans (A, B, and C) were suggested. After discussion, the Board recommended the establishment of Staff communications under the provisions of Plan C when normal circumstances exist and under Plan B whenever either OSO or OPC particularly requests it, subject to approval by Headquarters. The Communications Division was requested to prepare consolidated regulations on this policy.

The Chief, Communications Division, brought up the subject of the necessity of procuring additional secretarial help for the preparation of the material presented at the Board meetings. 25X1A
expressed, for the Board, his appreciation of the help given by the Communications Division. The Board recommends that personnel be provided and that slots be made available for this purpose, and requested the Chief, Communications Division to initiate action.

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25X1A [] expressed concern over the lack of progress on the world-wide communications system. The Board requested that the Chief, Communications Division analyze this problem in order to find out what is causing the delay and to recommend specific action to correct this situation.

The Chief, Communications Division, explained the intended use of the Mackay ship-to-shore radiotelephone #212A (a model of which is in his office) and demonstrated its functions.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

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